IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (MBHB Case No. 98,475-B1) Paul Mertens et al. Paul Mertens et al. Examiner: Shamim Ahmed Serial No.: 10/074,706 Group Art Unit: 1765 Filed: February 13, 2002 For: Method and Apparatus for Localized Liquid)

Treatment of the Surface of a Substrate

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY MAILED ON JULY 23, 2004

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability mailed on July 29, 2004 in the above-referenced matter, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments to allowed claims 26, 42 and 43 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312.

CLAIM AMENDMENTS are reflected in the listing of the claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS begin on page 10 of this paper.

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